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Attorney Docket No. 8017-1131

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To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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Corresponding to **Japanese** Patent Application No. **2003-098163** filed on **April 1, 2003**, the entirety of which application is hereby expressly incorporated by reference in the accompanying application.

Title: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH GUARD RING FOR PREVENTING WATER FROM ENTERING CIRCUIT REGION FROM OUTSIDE**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ **23** Pages of Specification containing 12 claims
- ☒ **14** Sheets of formal Drawings ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☐ Submission of English translation of prior provisional application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)
- ☒ Newly executed Oath or Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☐ Copy of Oath or Declaration/Power of Attorney from a prior application (continuation/divisional)
- ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied as indicated in the preceding box, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ Deletion of inventor(s). A signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (see 37 CFR 1.63 (d)(2) and 1.33(b))
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☒ Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ An assignment to _____ for parent application no. _____ was recorded on _____ at Reel _____, Frame _____
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - ☒ Copy of IDS citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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